

found, only a Republican runaway committee and a runaway Congress.

The voters of California's 46th Congressional District have spoken. These voters want you to stop harassing Hispanic surnames and Hispanic citizens and those who want to vote and those who will have justice and truth. Republicans, stop the abuse of Americans and our Hispanic citizens.

CALIFORNIA ELECTION AND EDUCATION

(Mr. GRAHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, as to Mr. Dornan's case, I believe the procedures that the House has to review elections are being followed. It is a question of how many ineligible, illegal people voted. That is something we should take up, and I am confident that as a body we will do a good job of doing that when the time comes.

Education. A lot has been said about education. Apparently there is a great confrontation about the Nation. The President said he would veto the Labor-HHS bill if we do not agree to national testing. Mr. President, you just do that. If you want to federalize education, we will have a fight. It is a fight long overdue.

Your agenda has been since day one to take everything local and make it national. National testing is a \$39 million farce, 90 to \$100 million to implement the test in 1999. It is truly a local function being done in abundance. We need to stop testing children. We know the problems. We need to start educating children. If he wants to veto the bill and shut the Government down to federalize education, I think that is a debate that is long overdue, and I await that day.

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BOB DORNAN'S TAXPAYER-FINANCED WITCH HUNT

(Mr. BECERRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, now almost 1 year and a half a million dollars later neutral observers are saying what everyone in this House has been saying for the longest of times. The people of the 46th Congressional District in California voted Bob Dornan out of office, and they voted the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] in. Yet the Republican leadership continues to waste taxpayer dollars funding Bob Dornan's election witch hunt against the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] and his customary tirades. Now we hear that the Republican leadership has a scheme to reject the vote of the people of the 46th Congressional District and to take away the job that the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] earned from the voters. The

leadership on the Republican side will allege that there were too many questionable votes in the 984-vote victory of the gentlewoman from California.

Who was the target of this so-called questionable voting campaign? Hispanics. Who was the target of the harassment in this investigation? Hispanic voters.

It is the people of America who vote people into office; it is the people of America who vote people out. It is not witch hunts that are paid for and financed by taxpayers at the expense of those people who vote and do so. Bob Dornan does not have the right to do this at taxpayer expense.

DEMOCRATS SHRED EVIDENCE, THEN ACT OUTRAGED ABOUT "THE SYSTEM"

(Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, sometimes we just have to sit back and admire the Democrats for their breathtaking audacity. Democrats have found themselves caught red-handed in more than one sense taking money from foreign sources. Let us make it very clear that is illegal. That is why the Democrat Party has already returned millions of dollars in contributions from foreign sources. Of course that is after they used the money to help the President get re-elected.

So now they feel qualified to tell the American people how to do it and that they are the party that would be expert in raising money. Well, would that still be from foreign sources? Maybe they think that under a better system, a system that does not force them to break the law, it should be OK to raise money for political campaigns from Communist China, launder that money to conceal its source, shred evidence to conceal the criminal behavior and then act outraged about the system.

Or maybe they just want to change the subject.

FRESHMEN BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE ON FINANCE REFORM HAS PRODUCED A COMMON SENSE APPROACH

(Mr. KIND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, we are now in day 83, 83 days after July 4, the day that the President asked this body to enact campaign finance reform.

I do not know what we are so concerned about, what we are so afraid of on this side of the congressional House. The Senate is starting to make some movement; I think it is time for us in the House of Representatives to do the same.

But I do not want to have a false debate or a false bill come before this floor. I do not want a bill that we are

going to sit here and look at that contains a poison pill. A poison pill is something that is going to place one party at a distinct disadvantage of another party. That is why I am proud of the product that I and other Members of the freshman bipartisan task force on finance reform have produced and have introduced. It is a commonsense approach that gets rid of the biggest of the big money, a soft money ban, requires greater identification of groups trying to influence the outcome of elections, requiring greater disclosure of candidates and where the money sources are coming from, but we need to schedule this now: An honest debate, a bill that is receiving bipartisan support, something that us freshmen have produced together, working in a way that can receive support on both sides of the aisle.

The time to get to work is now.

WE DO NOT NEED NEW LAWS ON CHEATING

(Mr. MCINNIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, well, it is pretty clear somebody has been cheating out there. We do not need new laws, we already have laws against illegal campaign contributions. And let me remind those colleagues of mine who have been up here talking moment after moment about campaign cheating, look at the headlines on this morning's paper, and let me read it:

"Democratic National Committee Teamsters Traded Funds."

It reminds me in high school when one of my classmates got caught cheating. The first thing he told the teacher was everybody was. "Well, everybody is cheating." Well, not everybody was cheating; he was the only one in that classroom that was cheating. Then his next excuse to get out of trouble for cheating was, "Well, you know you need to make new rules, Mr. Teacher. You need to make new rules about cheating. And therefore let me off the hook."

Mr. Speaker, I will be one of the first to stand up and say we should not have cheating. That is exactly what the Democratic National Committee is doing. We have campaign laws in effect, we have an Attorney General that should investigate those, should appoint an independent investigator, and we have a Democratic National Committee that should step forward immediately and let the American public know the scenario and the scheme they have got going with the Teamsters.

CALLING ON THE SPEAKER TO SCHEDULE A VOTE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM TODAY

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)